

# La Belle

The Ship That Changed History

See the 1686 French ship, *La Belle*, excavated in Texas's Matagorda Bay. Discover an incredible story through rare artifacts, film footage of the excavation and conservation, and an exciting 4D film. For details about films and programs for all ages, visit

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After 300 years under water and 20 years of conservation work, the 1686 French shipwreck *La Belle* is on view at the Bullock Museum. Discover the story of French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle's doomed expedition to colonize North America and how it spurred Spanish colonization of Texas.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Watch captivating videos of the unprecedented archaeological excavation and subsequent conservation of one of the most significant shipwrecks in North America. See a selection of the more than one million artifacts excavated in Matagorda Bay off the coast of Texas.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Experience the *La Belle* story in *Shipwrecked*, a 4D special effects film showing daily in the museum's immersive theater which features sensory effects such as wind, mist and rumbling seats. Discover the incredible saga of La Salle's voyage from France in 1684 to the ultimate demise of *La Belle* as told by a young boy who survived the expedition. Appropriate for ages 6+. (26 min.)

### DIRECTIONS & HOURS

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, has convenient parking, a café and store. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 12 to 5 pm. For information on programs or to become a member, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com).

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